(b) what steps Government propose to take to meet the gap ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The latest estimated gap between demand and availability of edible oils from indigenous sources in the country is estimated at around 7 lakh MTs.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table.

Statement

Some of the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of the edible oils are:—

(i) Two centrally sponsored schemes, namely National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which were operating till 1989-90 have been marged during 1990-91 into a single scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). This scheme essentially provides essential assistance to the States for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measures including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments and organising demonstration of advanced technology;

(ii) The oilseeds projects of the NDDB;

(iii) Setting up of a technology mission on Oilseeds established in May, 1986 for harnessing the best production processing and management technologies,

(iv) Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices of major oilseeds;

(v) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds;

(vi) Increasing the area under non-traditional oilseeds crops like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

(vii) Efforts for promoting oil palm cultivation;

(viii) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds; and

(ix) Fiscal incentives in the form of excise rebate for use of certain non-conventional oils in the manufacture of vanaspati so as to encourage increased exploitation of these sources of oils.

1207. [*Transferred to the 13th March*, 1992]

1208. [*Transferred to the 13th March*, 1992]

झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियों में रहने वाले लोगों को राशन कार्ड जारी किया जाना

1209. **श्री शांति त्यागी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजधानी में झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियों में रहने वाले लोगों को राशन कार्ड जारी किए जाने पर लगे प्रतिबन्ध को हटा लिए जाने के बाद से अब तक कितने व्यक्तियों को राशन कार्ड जारी किए जा चुके हैं और अनुमानतः कितने व्यक्तियों को अभी भी राशन कार्ड जारी किए जाने हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि राशन कार्ड जारी करने वाले कार्यालयों में पर्याप्त संख्या में कर्मचारी न होने के कारण दिल्ली में झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियों में रहने वाले अधिकांश लोगों को राशन कार्ड बनवाने में दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ; और

(ग) इस कार्य को शीघ्रातिशीघ्र निपटाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा किन उपायों पर विचार किया जा रहा है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि 16-12-91 से 27-2-92 तक प्राप्त आवेदनों में से आवेदकों को 55,611 खाद्य कार्ड सत्यापन के बाद सुपुर्द किए जा चुके हैं और 10,933 कार्ड जारी किए जाने के लिए तैयार हैं । 37,574 आवेदनों की जांच की जा रही है ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं । प्राप्त आवेदनों का तुरन्त सत्यापन किया जा रहा है और दिल्ली प्रशासन में विभिन्न स्तरों पर कार्य की प्रगति की पुनरीक्षा नियमित रूप से की जाती है ।

1210 [*Transferred to the 11th March, 1992*]

Expected production and requirement of edible oil

1211. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present and expected production and requirement of edible oils in the country;

(b) whether Government have recently decided to import three lakh tonnes of edible oils by the end of March, 1992;

(c) if so, the quantity and names of countries from which the edible oils are to be imported; and

(d) the total foreign exchange involved in the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The net edible oil available in oil year (November-October,) 1990-91 was of the order of 54 lakh MTs. This is likely to be not much different this year.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government have authorised import of 3 lakh tonnes of palmolein upto 31-3-92 from Malaysia and/or Indonesia.

(d) So far STC has contracted for import of 1·08 lakh MTs valued at Rs. 104·76 crores approximately from Malaysia.

Amul Butter

@1212. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thet Amul butter packing does not contain the date of manufacture and its price;; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware of black-marketing of butter in Delhi during the last six months;. and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Under the Standards of Weights and Measures(Packaged Commodities)Rules, 1977, no declaration as to the sale price and month and Year of manufacturing/ packing are required to be made on uncanned packages of butter.

(b) and (c) Butter being not a controlled item, the concerned trade and industry determines the price.

@Previously unstarred question 590, transferred from the 28th February, 1992.